

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT P 074 976 590

Neal Mortensen Western Clay Company 508 East Center P.O. Box 127 Aurora, Utah 84620

Dear Mortensen:

Re: Public Notice to Owners of Record, Mine Plan Permit, Hebe Gypsum Mine, M/015/072, Emery County, Utah

Pursuant to Rule 647-4-116 of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's Minerals Reclamation Program, you are hereby notified of the Division's intent to issue tentative approval for Western Clay Company's permit application for their Hebe Gypsum Mine project in Emery County, Utah. This rule requires that all owners of record of the land affected be notified of said action. A copy of the public notice, that will be published in the local and Salt Lake area newspapers, is attached for your reference and information.

Anyone aggrieved by this tentative decision is hereby advised to file a written protest with this Division setting forth factual reasons why this proposed operation should not be approved. Written objections of substance, received by the Division during the public comment period, will be heard at a hearing before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining, in accordance with UCA §40-8-18.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor

Minerals Regulatory Program

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